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SUBJ: DATT ACCREDITATION TO BOTSWANA

REF: NORLAND/MCCORMICK LETTER, MARCH 15, 1978 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE IS NOW
RIGHT FOR AN APPROACH TO GOB CONCERNING ACCREDITATION OF
DATT AND ARMATT TO BOTSWANA. REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM DEPART-
MENT. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH MY AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE FY 1978 PROGRAM GRANT,
WHICH WILL TRANSFER TO GOB 9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR USE IN
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, I BELIEVE THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO
EXPAND JURISDICTION OF DATT AND ARMATT TO INCLUDE BOTSWANA.
I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FOR JUNE 26 WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA TO
DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, AND PLAN TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO INFORM HIM OF THE GOOD NEWS CONCERNING THE GRANT. THIS
IS A DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN AWAITED BY GOB WITH
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND SOME ANXIETY; IT WILL BE PAR-
TICULARLY APPRECIATED AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. MORAL COMMIT-
MENT TO BOTSWANA, AS WELL AS FOR ITS CONSIDERABLE
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MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR GOB NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
IT SHOULD CREATE AN OPPORTUNE AND RECEPTIVE PSYCHO-
LOGICAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF
ACCREDITATION.

3. IN GENERAL, THE LIST OF PROS AND CONS ATTACHED TO
THE REFERENCED LETTER REMAINS VALID; HOWEVER, THE

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM GRANT HAS WORKED A QUALITATIVE CHANGE CLEARLY FAVORING ACCREDITATION. PARTICULARLY ENHANCED IS THE ARGUMENT THAT SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD ENABLE DATT AND ARMATT TO BE OF MUCH GREATER SERVICE TO GOB IN OFFERING TECHNICAL ADVICE RELATED TO THE EQUIPPING AND TRAINING OF THE BOTSWJAA DEFENSE FORCE. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOW URGE EXPLORATION OF AN IMETS PROGRAM FOR BOTSWANA.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZING ME AT AN EARLY DATE TO BROACH THE SUBJECT OF DATT AND ARMATT ACCREDITATION WITH THE GOB.
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